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1. About 1 a.m. on 16 July 1949 five planes flew over Tsingtao. The air-raid alarm was sounded, the city power was cut off and squads of Communist troops were dispersed by trucks throughout the heavily-populated areas of the city. In the past two weeks, during curfew hours truckloads of Communist troops have been dispersed throughout the city and carried out what appeared to be night street maneuvers.
2. During the week of 15 July four regiments of Chinese Communist troops were sent from Tsingtao to Laoshan (120-39, 36-12) to locate and wipe out remnants of the Nationalist army.
3. It is rumored in Tsingtao that LI Hsien-liang*, former Nationalist mayor of Tsingtao, has rejoined his guerrilla units in Laoshan, having arrived there by small vessel from Taiwan after receiving special instructions from Generalissimo CHIANG Kai-shek.
4. However, a former Nationalist official states that he is certain that LI has not yet returned to Laoshan, but will do so in the future.
5. KAO**, former head of the Peace Preservation Corps troops, is the leader of the Nationalist guerrilla units in Laoshan. Nationalist planes have dropped supplies to the holdout units and have provided an air cover for ships landing supplies.
6. The Nationalist planes over Laoshan were said to have dropped leaflets conveying a statement of apology to the people for the Nationalist evacuation of Tsingtao and a promise that the Nationalist troops would return to Shantung by 1 September 1949.

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7. The Laoshan guerrilla units conduct frequent foraging raids on the mule-cart and wheelbarrow trains bringing in food supplies to Tsingtao from Tsimo and the outlying districts. Many of the grey-clad political workers traveling with the food trains have been found dead where they were captured. Many political workers are changing to plain civilian dress to avoid being killed***

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Comment. This may account for the great decrease in the number of grey-clad political workers appearing on the streets of Tsingtao in the past several weeks.

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